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in the said work the same reward which was ordered to Capt. William Bassett in case he had done the same.

At a meeting &c.

Whereas his most sacred Majesty by his Command dated at Oxford the 4th of November, 1665, in the seventeenth year of his reign, hath charged and required the right honourable the Governor to convert the duties formerly paid to the Capt. of the fort wholly to the building and defence of the same, it is hereby ordered in obedience to the said royal commands that all ships trading to this country do pay the said duty in kind as formerly, that is in powder and lead or iron shot, and it is further ordered that if any of them have any more powder to spare than what will be due from them, that they sell it to the country for what it cost them with thirty per cent. advance upon their first charge, and that the Clerk of the Council do send copies of this order to all the Collectors.

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### LETTERS OF WILLIAM FITZHUGH.

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May 30th, 1695.

Mr. Nicholas Hayward:

S<sup>r</sup> Your letters the first, of 3d february 1694 the second duplicated of the 15th Nov<sup>r</sup> 1794, & your last of the 15th Dec<sup>r</sup> 1694, I have received & have this first opportunity of answering. I remember no more bills than your letters mentioned, & must acknowledge your favors in answering all my bills as your second letter mentions. I hope by this time your intention of selling Osborn's tract is over, because I find no mention thereof in your second and last letter. I neither desire nor wish for a better neighbour & I hope in time you will find it advantageously convenient, though I must confess if I must change my neighbour I would rather myself than have a bad one; Mr. Hewell's business I have discoursed with his widow & Capt. Brent. The widow says she has paid it, Capt. Brent says he has never received it. She is my neighbour and a widow, the other is my particular friend,

therefore cannot arrive at the truth of the story & for that reason can not do you nor Mrs. Lewis that service therein, as my obligations & inclinations require. Your Brother Mr. Samuel Hayward assured me he would be full to you in Mr. Peyton's business therefore about that I need say no further. S<sup>t</sup> I thank your kindness in speeding away my letter to my mother, often miscarriages have occasioned her present necessity, which would not have been if Mr. Cooper had rightly understood my former letters, but now I have taken a course with him about her supply without further hearing from me, which I hope he will perform. Your letter to my brother Luke he received but the meaning thereof, my sister being dead, he will not be made to understand at present, and is so great a fool that in one years time he will be incapable of serving himself or friends, therefore I advise if he owes you any thing, you take the first opportunity while he has something left to get it out of his hands. I reckon upon my accounts by your accounts current. Therefore never remembered the too Goodriches' bill. If you can get anything of them it will be so much money saved. I have enclosed sent Capt. Thos. Emmes bills of Exchange for £28. 5. 6. drawn upon Mr. Joseph Jackson of London Merchant, which I dare say will be punctually paid. I shall longingly expect to hear from you the same news that I can now assure you of that we are here all well. Please to send me if you can meet with a convenience new Gears for my Callash, the old ones being almost rotten, duplicated by Capt. Jones of the Richard and John of Bristol. I am your

Wff.

To Mr. Nicholas Hayward.

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June 3rd, 1695.

Mr. John Cooper:

S<sup>t</sup>. The above is copy of my former of May 30th date by way of Plymouth. This comes farther to acquaint you that I have in Capt. Emmes in the Preservation of London, consigned you 20 hhds. of Orinoko Tobacco, which I assure myself will come to a good market and am sure that you will use the same to my utmost advantage. About 20£ worth of coarse goods

would come very acceptably to me, provided the market will keep me out of debt, & answer what I have already ordered. I refer all to yourself, but with this instruction bring me not in your debt, lest you then claim what I now will freely offer without compulsion to be

Your Wff.

To Mr. John Cooper & Co.

June 10, 1695.

Mr. John Cooper:

S<sup>r</sup>. I have this year sent you divers letters & therein given you account of what letters I received from you; this is only written because of present conveniency offers again to acquaint you that I have in Tricket in the Ship Margaret consigned you eight hhds. Tobacco. I have also in the Ship Preservation of London, Capt. Thos. Emmes, Master, consigned you 20 hhds. Tobacco. I have likewise in the Ship Tower of London consigned you 37 hhds. Tobacco; by all of which ships I have also sent letters & bills of Loading, which I hope will all come safe to hand, and that the Tob<sup>o</sup> will yield me a good price as any other Orinoko Tobacco is sold for, which our Orinoko Merchants here are under large expectation, and has been the inducive means to persuade me to ship so much for England this more than in one year I ever did, and I hope well timed. The quantity Consigned to you is 65 hhds., which surely will yield me a great deal of money, & encourage me for the future to large consignments of Orinoko. My Sweet scented as Cheap again as it was sold any where that year that I consigned it you, though your parcell if there was any difference was the best. I admire at your account to sell full commission both to yourself and your Bristol Merchant Duddleston. Tobacco had Need be high sold to bring any money in the Planter's pocket after such charges. In enclosed is a Second bill of loading for thirty seven hhds. in the Ship Tower of London, Capt. James Kirke, Commander, and belonging to Mr. Peter Renew, Merch't in London; if this letter comes to your hand before his arrival I would advise you if you could to sell the Tob<sup>o</sup> at so much Tob<sup>o</sup> per hhd. clear, because it is but light & perhaps it might be the profitablest way of selling the Same. I have been so large in former letters &

those duplicated that I know not what farther to say than to advise your account current & to hear from you by the first conveniency. I am

Wff.

To Mr. John Cooper, Merch't in London.

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June 11, 1695.

Mr. John Taylor,

S<sup>r</sup> My last was by Capt. Emmes in the Preservation, per cover of a bill of loading for 13 hhd Tob<sup>o</sup> there shipped & consigned to you which I hope will come to good Market; this come now to desire you to serve me in goods for what I shall have in your hands after the sale of the said Tob<sup>o</sup>; let it be in Nails, hoes, axes, kerseys, cotton & other coarse goods. In yours I find my charges very high for freight which the Master Capt. Tricket told me was all that was paid for my goods. Joshua Doyne's & Ralph Smith's goods I leave yourself to judge what reasons I have to pay for their goods, and I rather believe it a mistake, and assure myself upon this information you will regulate it.

To Mr. John Taylor, Merchant in London.

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June 15, 1695.

To Mr. George Mason.

S<sup>r</sup> Having met with a conveniency of some black walnut plank and meeting with an opportunity for the freight thereof, in Capt. Jones, I thought you the fittest to consign it to, because I find you just in my former correspondence and understanding you are now building, your self might afford a good price, and suit your conveniency with the same.

Enclosed is a bill of loading for the same which I hope will come to your hand, from S<sup>r</sup>,

Yours Wff.

To Mr. Geo. Mason Merchant &c.

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June 15, 1695.

Capt. Wm. Jones.

S<sup>r</sup> This comes for cover of a bill of loading for 22 hhds Orinoko Tob<sup>o</sup>. Its weighty and as I am told bright, but I dare

not assure you it will answer a dutch market. I believe & so shall advise if it be probable that you sell it at the Mast according to your phrase there; the money that it produces kept in your hands till my farther orders. If it should come to a good market it would contribute well towards an Intention I have of being interested in part of a ship for your port. Pray let me hear from you by all Conveniency & therein you will oblige,

S<sup>r</sup> Your Wff.

To Capt. Wm. Jones, Mariner &c.

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### Northampton County Records in 17th Century.

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At the Court held July 29, 1651, among other things 25 horses and mares were to be provided with saddles and bridles; if not sufficient riders, men were to be pressed by the Sheriff on the mondy next at three o'clk in the afternoon at Nassawattocks at the house of Richard Bayly. Each man was to bring with him half a pound of powder with shot and bullets proportionate, and provisions for one week; to be armed with pistols, carbines, & short swords. And they were also authorized to take such things wherever they found them from the planters.

At the next Court May 10th, 1651, it was recorded that Edmund Scarborough, Thos. Johnson, Richard Vaughan, John Dollings, John Robinson, Toby Norton, Richard Bayly, Ambrose Dixon, Richard Hill, Tomlin Price and divers others, inhabitants and freemen in Northampton, did in a hostile manner contrary to the known laws of Virginia, on the 28th of last April raise a body of men, and marched among the Indians to take or kill the king of Pocomoke. They shot at the Indians, slashed them, cut their bows, took Indians prisoners, bound one of them with a chain, which accordingly caused the Indians to gather themselves together in great Multitudes to invade the county to the great danger of the peoples' lives and estates. The Sheriff was ordered to take, to the number of fifty or all who went